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1. FONOFF OFFICE DIRECTOR RIBERHOLDT TOLD ECONOFF
HE MET WITH FRENCH EMBASSY REPS LATE LAST WEEK TO TELL THEM THAT
DENMARK WOULD DEFINITELY NOT SUPPORT FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN
ENERGY AGENCY. INTER ALIA, HE TOLD FRENCH THAT PROPOSED COMMUNITY
TAX ON IMPORTED PETROLEUM WOULD, IF ADOPTED, REQUIRE NEW DANISH
REFERENDUM. (RIBERHOLDT COMMENTED TO US THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN HE
WAS ON SOLID LEGAL GROUNDS WITH THIS POINT BUT WANTED TO IMPRESS ON
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FRENCH THE EXTREMELY NEGATIVE VIEW DENMARK TOOK OF THEIR PROPOSAL.)

2. RIBERHOLDT SAID DANES ARE MUCH MORE DRAWN TO A RECENT EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL EMBODIED IN A PAPER ENTITLED "TOWARD A NEW ENERGY STRATEGY" WHICH HAS NOW BEEN SENT TO GOVTS FOR COMMENTS. ON FIRST READING, HE FOUND THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS SOUND AND COMPLEMENTARY TO ECG OBJECTIVES.

3. COMMENT: AS ALSO INDIATED REFTTEL, DANES ARE FIRMLY WEDDED TO CONCEPT OF UTILIZING ECG AS VEHICLE FOR ESTABLISHING MORE ORDERLY ENERGY SITUATION. THE CONTINUE TO DESIRE EC ENERGY POLICY COOPERATION BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE LARGER ECG EFFORT, THROUGH WHICH THEY CONTINUE TO HOPE FOR EVENTUALLY LOWER OIL PRICES AND MORE ASSURED SUPPLIES.

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